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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 8-14, drawn to an apparatus and system for joining accessories to a panel on the interior of vehicles, classified in class 403, subclass 316.
- II. Claims 15-19, drawn to a method of forming fasteners and vehicle trim pieces for attachment to a vehicle, classified in class 29, subclass 159.

Inventions of Group I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the method can be used to make another product by providing a metal insert positioned between the pair of support legs with a pair of spaced flexible wings, and providing dog house assembly of trim piece receives molded body of the fastener.

Should applicant elect the Group I invention then, applicant is required to further elect one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:


- 1a. Claims 1-7, drawn to an apparatus for joining accessories to panels on the interior of vehicles, classified in class 24, subclass 73 FT.
- 1b. Claims 8-14, drawn to system for fastening a trim piece to a vehicle, classified in class 403, subclass 316.

A telephone call was made to Mr. Monte Falcoff on September 4, 2005 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nahid Amiri whose telephone number is (571) 272-8113. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (571) 272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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